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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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SUBJ: BOGUS JULY 4 INVITATION

1. EMBASSY LEARNED JULY 1 FROM CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR KRANIDIOTIS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TWO INVITATIONS TO AMBASSADOR'S JULY 4 RECEPTION. UPON SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATION OF INVITATIONS, WE FOUND ONE TO BE A FRAUD. SO FAR THE EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW EXTENT OF FRAUDULENT INVITATIONS.

2. BOGUS INVITATION IS PRINTED ON WHITE CARD, 5 1/4 X 4 1/4 INCHES, WITH WHITE ON WHITE EMBOSSED SEAL. SEAL SEEMS IDENTICAL TO THAT ON EMBASSY'S BLANK INVITATION STOCK. SIZE OF BOGUS CARD IS SLIGHTLY SMALLER AND PAPER QUALITY INFERIOR TO EMBASSY STOCK. NO PRINTER IN ATHENS IS AUTHORIZED TO HOLD MASTER SEAL.

3. NOTICEABLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BOGUS AND AUTHENTIC INVITATIONS INCLUDE: BOGUS HAS TWO LINES PRINTING AND REMAINDER HANDWRITTEN (IN AMERICAN STYLE HANDWRITING); ABOVE SEAL BOGUS DESCRIBES EVENT "IN HONOR OF U.S. (SIC) NATIONAL DAY;" BOGUS GIVES ADDRESS OF FUNCTION AS 18 G GEORGIOU DEZH--VICE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF 19 PANAGHE KYRIAKOU.

4. EMBASSY AT LOSS TO UNDERSTAND WHY BOGUS INVITATION SENT TO CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR WHO, AS DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD CERTAINLY RECEIVE JULY 4 INVITATION, AND WOULD IN-

EVITABLY REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS TO US. THE JULY 4 LIST, WHICH THIS YEAR INCLUDES ALMOST 900 PEOPLE, INCLUDES ALL PROMINENT GREEKS ON LAST YEAR'S LIST WITH EXCEPTION OF MEMBERS OF FORMER PAPADOPOULOS REGIME.

5. EMBASSY HAS ALERTED MFA AND GREEK POLICE AND WILL EXERCISE INCREASED SECURITY AT THE RECEPTION. HOWEVER, RSO AND POLICE FEEL INTENT MORE LIKELY FOR HARASSMENT THAN TERRORISM. TASCA

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